

Existing law requires that sheriffs and deputy sheriffs are to be insured under a policy, or policies, or a self-insurance plan, of group life, health, accident, accidental death and dismemberment, hospital, surgical, or medical expense insurance in such an amount, or amounts, as may be contracted for by the officers of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association. Further provides that the sheriff and deputy sheriffs of each parish of the state may elect group life, health, accident, accidental death and dismemberment, hospital, surgical, or medical expense insurance either under the policy or policies or self-insurance plan contracted for by the officers of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association or under a group policy or policies or self-insurance plan contracted for by the sheriff.

Existing law also requires that any such policy or self-insurance plan providing group hospital, surgical, medical expense, or life insurance contain a provision authorizing any covered employee retiring under his sheriff's department retirement plan to elect to continue such coverage upon retirement. Provides that the premium cost of such coverage may be paid in full or in part from the sheriff's general funds or by the retired employee. Requires each sheriff to formulate and apply a uniform policy relative to payment of such premiums.

New law retains all of prior law and adds requirement that the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of prior law are to be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years of age. New law is applicable only to the sheriffs' offices of the parishes of Bossier, St. Bernard, St. Martin, Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, DeSoto, East Feliciana, Grant, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, and West Feliciana and the sheriff of the Civil District Court of the parish of Orleans. for their respective retirees.